

# State to Stage Theft Inquiry In Caruso Home

John Doe Proceedings Are Decided On After Another Day of Fruitless Search for the Stolen Jewelry

## Crime Scene Re-enacted

Tenor's Wife and Her Maid Play Leading Roles; Strict Guard Kept on Grounds

EASTHAMPTON, L. I., June 10.—District Attorney Leroy M. Young of Suffolk County announced to-night that a John Doe inquiry would be instituted to-morrow morning in an effort to clear up the mystery surrounding the theft of Mrs. Enrico Caruso's jewelry. Police Justice Hiram Sherill will preside over the hearing as magistrate in the summer home of the tenor.

The announcement of the District Attorney followed a day of fruitless search that was relieved only by the opera bouffe re-enactment of the scene immediately following the robbery, staged by the host of private detectives now on the trail of the robbers. In this re-enactment Mrs. Caruso tragically uttered the words, "My God, my jewels," and a little later the Italian maid dramatically "collapsed" in the arms of her employer.

**Detectives Reinforced**

The detectives engaged in the attempt to solve the mystery were reinforced to-day by twenty more who arrived from Manhattan. Twelve of the new arrivals were immediately set to work with rakes and shovels on a strip of woods known as "Briar Patch," across the Georgia Lake, on the theory that the jewels might have been buried there by the robbers.

Throughout the day they labored and continued on in the night with the aid of lanterns and torches, but their efforts were unrewarded. These detectives were taken across the lake to their task in a motorboat driven by George Fitzgerald, the Caruso chauffeur.

One of the developments this afternoon was the statement made by Thomas M. Young, an electrician, in which he declared that the servants of the Caruso household had made a plaything of Mrs. Caruso's jewel casket. Young said he had been called to the Caruso summer home about May 15, when Mrs. Caruso was visiting at Southampton, to install some electrical fixtures.

He said that while there he had gone into Mrs. Caruso's boudoir and there had seen the butler and two of the maids playing with the casket. He said the servants were getting considerable amusement by ringing the gong in the casket and then shutting it off. All three, he said, took turns in manipulating the case.

**Chauffeur Examined**

District Attorney Young said that the guard which had been maintained about the grounds of the Caruso home since the robbery would be continued and none of the employees would be permitted to leave until further orders. He said that he hoped to obtain a clue as to the robbers or the whereabouts of the jewels from the John Doe proceedings to-morrow. Practically all of the investigators are of the opinion that the jewelry is still somewhere in the immediate vicinity of the Caruso home.

Fitzgerald was put through a severe examination, which lasted into the early hours of this morning. His afternoon he told reporters that he had been given the third degree and was convinced he was suspected of complicity in the robbery.

"I have nothing to fear, however," he said, "and my conscience is absolutely clear. I will do everything in my power to aid the authorities in this case."

Fitzgerald told of a visit of a mysterious man and woman in a taxicab about three weeks ago to see Mrs. Caruso. The couple apparently could speak only French and declined to talk to any one but Mrs. Caruso. She instructed Fitzgerald to put them off the grounds.

The detectives are following up a clue obtained this morning after another examination of the boudoir. The imprint of a new rubber heel was plainly visible, showing the maker's name and trademark.

**List of Missing Jewelry**

A complete list of the missing jewelry, as recorded in the insurance reports, was obtained this evening. This list shows the jewelry was valued at \$118,068, but it is probably worth at least twice that amount at present prices. The list is as follows:

- Necklace with oval diamond and seventy-eight pearls, \$82,000.
- Diamond necklace with 200 diamonds and large bowknot, \$22,000.
- Lavaliere with pear-shaped brown diamonds and fifty small diamonds, \$4,500.
- Large pearl ring, \$5,000.
- Diamond circle, with nine blue diamonds set in platinum, \$3,800.
- Flexible platinum diamond bracelet, fifty-two diamonds, \$1,200.
- Large cabochon ruby ring, with fifty-eight diamonds, \$6,000.
- One cabochon sapphire, \$2,000.
- One headband with one large pearl and small diamonds, \$5,000.
- Ring with seven diamonds, platinum setting, \$1,600.
- Ring with engraved emerald, \$4,000.
- Ring with two large diamonds, \$3,000.
- Ring with engraved ruby, \$3,000.
- Pair white enamel gold cuff links, \$30.
- Pair white enamel and platinum cuff links, \$40.
- Pair oval gold cuff links, \$25.
- Pair gold engraved cuff links, \$50.
- Twelve gold collar buttons, \$60.
- Gold tie clip, \$60.
- Gold square cigarette case, \$100.
- Gold match box, \$30.
- Ebony and gold cigarette holder, \$100.
- Two pairs gold suspenders, \$200.
- Three gold garters, \$75.
- Two gold belt buckles, \$80.
- Three pairs glasses, \$30.
- Forty-piece silver toilet set, \$600.
- Thirty-four-piece silver toilet set, \$500.
- Two gold hatpins, \$7.
- Two gold earrings, \$20.
- Diamond and onyx bangle, \$800.
- Sapphire ring with two large and seven small diamonds, \$600.
- Gold vanity case, \$75.
- Gold locket, chain and miniature, \$1,000.
- Gold meshbag, forty-eight small, one large diamond, \$800.
- Large gold vanity case, \$300.

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Scarf pin, with cognac diamond and six small diamonds, \$800.  
Diamond circle, \$400.  
Three gold safety pins, \$27.  
Scarf pin six diamonds, \$500.  
Diamond circle, set on linen with nine blue diamonds, \$2,700.

## Woman Is Found Slain With Razor

### Throat Cut in Kitchen of Tenement; Police Hunting Man Seen Fleeing

Face downward and with hands outflung as if to ward off an attack the body of Mrs. Carmilla Basalona was found at 6 o'clock last night by her brother-in-law, Luigi Trimoco, when he returned from work. Her throat had been cut.

Trimoco lives on the fourth floor of the tenement house at 131 Thompson street, the Bronx. His wife has been in a hospital, and Mrs. Basalona, his wife's sister, has been caring for Trimoco's flat and his seven-year-old daughter, Sadie. Mrs. Basalona lived with her husband at 279 East 153d Street, the Bronx.

The body was lying on the kitchen floor. On a table stood two bags, one containing eggs and one meat, from which it appeared that Mrs. Basalona was attacked on her return from market. There also was a heavy razor, which had been ground down to the thick back steel, and a handkerchief.

Trimoco called neighbors and the police were notified. Dr. Holters, of St. Vincent's Hospital, said the woman had been dead only a short time, and Police Lieutenant Funston and Detective Kelly, of the Mercer Street station, with Captain Arthur Carey and Detective Oswald, of the Homicide Squad, are hunting for a man whom neighbors saw hurrying from the building shortly after 6 o'clock.

**Coast Lines Ask Big Raise**

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Coastwise steamship lines must increase freight rates 31 per cent in order to obtain the 6 per cent annual return provided by the transportation act, the Interstate Commerce Commission was told to-day by H. H. Raymond, president of the Clyde and Mallory lines. Twenty-five per cent of this, he said, would be needed to make up an annual deficit, which reached \$6,069,612 last year.

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## Theda Bara Sails Abroad to Study Role in New Play

### Historical Production Will Be Presented Here in Fall; 2,690 Off to Rotterdam; Count Monteglas Arrives

Theda Bara, motion picture actress, sailed yesterday for Liverpool, accompanied by her sister, on the Lamport & Holt liner Vestris. She said she would remain abroad two months, giving most of her time to the study of her role in a new historical play which has been written for her, and in which she will appear in this country in the fall. Miss Bara said she was not at liberty to disclose the character she is to impersonate until her return.

Among others on the Vestris were David Cook, W. W. Geddes, Frank Götty and Professor A. H. Thorndike, of Columbia University.

On the Holland-American liner Rotterdam, which left port yesterday for Rotterdam, were 2,690 passengers, including twenty-two members of the Union Boat Club, of Boston, who are to compete in the Grand Challenge Cup at the Henley Regatta. The majority of the contestants have been oarsmen at Harvard.

Count Adolf von Monteglas, accredited by the German Republic to Mexico City as Minister, arrived yesterday on the Italian liner Duca degli Abruzzi. He said he was unable to get transportation out of Denmark because of strikes, and went to Genoa, where he got accommodations on the Abruzzi.

Count von Monteglas was in this country as an attaché in the days of Speck von Sternberg. His wife, an American woman, who before her marriage in 1908 was Miss Fanny Hazelton, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is living with her children in Santa Barbara, Calif.

The American liner Manchuria, which arrived yesterday from Hamburg and Southampton, brought the body of Hugo Ahrens, a steward, who died while the vessel was off Fire Island. He became melancholy about two months ago and recently refused to eat. The ship's surgeon said that Ahrens had died of exhaustion caused by lack of nutrition.

**Infidelity Called Cruel In Novel Separation Suit**

For First Time Sole Divorce Ground Is Named in Milder Action

Justice Donnelly reserved decision yesterday on the novel question as to whether infidelity on the part of a husband may be used to establish a suit for separation in which cruelty is the allegation. This is the situation in the action for separation brought by Mrs. Theda Bara, a contract, who has hung with the Metropolitan Opera

Company, against Louis B. F. Hofmann, a silk manufacturer.

In New York State infidelity is the one ground for divorce. Mrs. Hofmann, however, alleges it as ground for a separation. Counsel for Mr. Hofmann asked Justice Donnelly to strike out this charge from the complaint where it is alleged as an act of cruelty. Counsel for Mrs. Hofmann argued that the act charged by the plaintiff would cause great mental suffering and constitute an act of cruelty "of the severest type that woman is subject to."

Mrs. Hofmann says her husband obtained a fraudulent divorce from her two years ago in Pennsylvania. She was unaware that the suit had been brought.

Mr. Hofmann has remarried, and Mrs. Hofmann alleges that this second marriage of her husband is invalid. The first wife also alleged that Mr. Hofmann tried to induce their son and daughter to leave her and live with their father and his second wife. Justice Donnelly reserved decision.

## Lawyer Gets 5 Years for Receiving Stolen Bonds

### Mother and Correspondent in Wife's Suit In Court When Frank Storey Is Sentenced

Frank De Raimes Storey, thirty-eight, a lawyer, who resided with his wealthy widowed mother at 11a South Elliott Place, Brooklyn, was sentenced yesterday to from two and a half to five years in prison by Judge Malone in General Sessions.

Storey was found guilty by a jury Monday night of having criminally received \$10,000 worth of Northern Pacific Railroad stock which had been stolen from the Gans Steamship Company, 10 Broadway, in October, 1919.

George Gordon Battle, Storey's lawyer, made a long plea for clemency after his motion for a new trial was denied and presented letters from influential people in behalf of clemency. Storey's mother and brother were in court, as was Mrs. Agnes Hogan, who was named correspondent by Storey's wife in suing for divorce several months ago. When Storey's mother saw Storey later in Sheriff Knott's office she broke down.


## Daughter Appeals Surrogate's Finding In Spang Will Case

### Mrs. Ancker Wants Statement That There Was No Fraud in Drawing Up Document Cut From Decree

Not content with breaking the will of her mother, Mrs. Rosa A. Spang, on the ground of mental incapacity, Mrs. Mabel Spang Ancker, daughter of the testatrix and heir to her \$2,000,000 estate, filed notice in the Surrogate's Court yesterday that she had appealed to the Appellate Division from the finding of Surrogate Cahalan that there was no fraud or undue influence in connection with the making of the will.

Mrs. Spang, aged widow of Charles H. Spang, Pittsburgh steel manufacturer, died in her apartment at the Waldorf-Astoria. She left Mrs. Ancker, an annuity of \$10,000 and the residue of her estate valued at more than \$2,000,000 to former Attorney General George W. Wickes, Colons Michael Friedman and Dr. Henry Dwight Chanin, as trustees. They were to use the fund to found a home for needy children. The daughter contested the will on the grounds of unsound mind, fraud and undue influence. During the trial, Henry W. Taft, counsel for the trustees, moved that the allegations of fraud and undue influence, be taken from the jury. The Surrogate Cahalan granted that motion and only the question of Mrs. Spang's sanity was given to the jury for decision. The verdict was that the testatrix was of unsound mind when she made her will.

Now, although Mrs. Ancker will receive the estate of her mother if the finding of the jury is sustained, she wants eliminated from the decree in the case, the court finding that there was no fraud. To that end the victorious litigant has appealed to the Appellate Division. On the other hand, the trustees are appealing to the same court for the reversal of the jury's verdict rejecting the will.



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